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## II. REMARKS

The Office Action dated August 28, 2006, indicates that claims 2 and 6 may be allowable if rewritten in independent form, and that 2 and 6 may be allowable because claim 4 claims dependency on claim 2 and claim 8 (sic 6) claims dependency on claim 8. The foregoing amendment carries out the Examiner's indication, and similarly does so with consolidated claims drawn from Applicant's PCT application PCT/US04/39041, to which the Examiner's attention is drawn.

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## II. CONCLUSION

## APPLICANT CLAIMS SMALL ENTITY STATUS.

Generally, it is believed that the application is in condition for allowance, and favorable action is requested. The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned if it might be helpful in advancing prosecution.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees associated with the above-identified patent application or credit any overcharges to Deposit Account No. 50-0235.

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